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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO ACCO INTERNATIONAL

1. USG HAS APPROVED APRIL 23 ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO ACCO INTERNATIONAL FOR SALE OF \$200,000 OF OFFICE SUPPLIES TO CUBA. TREASURY OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED ACCO.
2. ACCO INTERNATIONAL HAD APPLIED TO TREASURY FOR LICENSE IN FEBRUARY 1975 FOR THE SALE BY ITS CANADIAN SUBSIDIARY, ACCO CANADIAN CO., LTD. FOUR OUT OF FIVE OF SUBSIDIARY'S DIRECTORS ARE US CITIZENS. THERE ARE NO US COMPONENTS IN PROPOSED SALE.
3. ON APRIL 18 CANADIAN EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT CANADIAN SUBSIDIARY HAD NOTIFIED GOC THAT CUBAN OFFICIALS IN MONTREAL HAD TOLD COMPANY ON APRIL 15 IF SALES CON-

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TRACT NOT SIGNED WITHIN ONE WEEK, DEAL WOULD BE OFF. IN

INFORMING DEPARTMENT, CANADIAN EMBASSY ASKED THAT USG DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO PREVENT THIS MATTER FROM BECOMING A PUBLIC ISSUE AND CHARGE THAT US INTERFERING WITH CANADIAN TRADE.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED CANADIAN EMBASSY THAT LICENSE WILL BE GRANTED AND THAT COMPANY WILL BE INFORMED. WE SUGGESTED THAT GOC COULD INFORM CANADIAN SUBSIDIARY IMMEDIATELY.

5. THIS ISSUE HAS NOT BECOME A MATTER OF PRESS INTEREST SO FAR. IF ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO USE PRESS GUIDANCE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE WE CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OF THIS KIND ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. AS YOU MAY RECALL FROM THE RECENT CASE INVOLVING THE COLE DIVISION OF LITTON INDUSTRIES, WE DO ON OCCASION ISSUE LICENSES FOR US SUBSIDIARY TRADE WITH CUBA. THIS PARTICULAR APPLICATION WAS DECIDED ON ITS OWN MERITS. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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